Shatabdi Express between Delhi and Agra

4764. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:

SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commission on Railway Safety has refused to give green signal to start Shatabdi Express between Delhi and Agra@ 150 kmph;

(b) whether it is not a fact that as per the integrated plan of the Railway Ministry, the speed of Shatabdi trains have to be increased from 1st April, 2005;

(c) if so, the reasons for not allowing Shatabdi Express @ 150 kmph by Commission on Railway Safety; and

(d) the basic objections raised by the Commissioner on Railway Safety to run train between Delhi and Agra @ 150 kmph?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS) has not, so far, cleared running of this train.

(b) No, Sir. The Integrated Railway Modernisation Plan, envisaged increasing speed of only one Shatabdi train between New Delhi-Agra Cantt during 2004-05.

(c) and (d) The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS) has not, so far, cleared the running of Shatabdi train at 150 kmph speed on New Delhi-Agra Cantt section. The CCRS has forwarded the applications for permission to run the said train of Northern Railway and North Central Railway, with certain observations, to Railway Board.

CCRS has drawn attention to issues like provision of fencing throughout to prevent cattle straying on to track, train protection and warning system as an additional measure to prevent a driver passing signal at danger, provision of frills on lifting barrier at level crossing gates as an additional measure to prevent entry of road users in a closed gate, Ultrasonic Flaw Detection (USFD) of rails by SPURT car in addition to manual testing etc.

Wastage of diesel at Gorakhpur station

†4765. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 30 thousand litres of diesel was

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